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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

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FROM

Deputy Director, Political Analysis

SUBJECT

: FBIS Belgrade Television Monitoring

The video tapes from FBIS monitoring of Belgrade television proved a valuable contribution to the production of finished intelligence during the period of Yugoslav President Tito's illness, and the succession.

The struggle for power in the new Yugoslav leadership is far from over. Indeed, most observers view the coming year or two as critical to the succession. Failure to have access to video tapes from Belgrade television could lead to serious gaps in our knowledge of events and personalities in post-Tito Yugoslavia.

We strongly urge FBIS to continue monitoring Belgrade television.

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